

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ.ವಿ.ಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪ.—ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ಅವರ ಕೊಟ್ಟರೆ ಇಡಬಹುದು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಪ್ಪ.—ಈ ಅರ್ಜಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಾಫೀಸಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ದಿನ ಇತ್ತು? ಯಾವತ್ತು ಅದು ಬಂತು?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ.ವಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪ.—ಅರ್ಜಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಾರೀಖು ನಮೂದಾಗಿದ್ದರೆ ಹೇಳಬಹುದಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಅದು ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸೇರಿ ಬಿಟ್ಟಿರುವ ತಾರೀಖಿದೆ; ಅರ್ಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಎಂದು ರಿಜಿಸ್ಟರಾಗಿದೆಯೆಂಬುದನ್ನು ಬೇಕಾದರೆ ತಿಳಿದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಇ. ನಾರಾಯಣಗೌಡ.—ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಿದ ಅರ್ಜಿನ ಸಹಿ ಹಾಕಿ ತಾರೀಖನ್ನು ಹಾಕುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ.ವಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪ.—ಅರ್ಜಿನ ಬಳಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದರೆ ಹಾಗೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು. ಕೆಲವರು ಅರ್ಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ ದಿದರೆ ಅರ್ಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟು ಬಿಡುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಪ್ಪ.—ಗೋಕಚ್ಚಿ ಕಟ್ಟಿನ ಬೇಕೆಂದು ಊರಿನವರು ಕೇಳಿದರೆ ಅನುಮತಿ ಕೊಡಲು ಏಕೆ ತಡ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೀರಿ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ.ವಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪ.—ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಗೋಕಚ್ಚಿ ಕಟ್ಟಿನಲು ಯಾರೂ ಅನುಮತಿ ಕೇಳುವುದಿಲ್ಲ; ಧರ್ಮಾರ್ಥವಾಗಿ ಯಾರಾದರೂ ಕಟ್ಟಿಸುವುದು ಮಾಡಿಕೆಯಾಗಿದೆ, ಈ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಅನುಮತಿ ಕೇಳಬೇಕಾದರೆ ಏನೋ ತಕರಾರಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಅರ್ಥವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಅದುದರಿಂದ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರು ಹೋಗಿ ನೋಡಿ ಇತ್ಯರ್ಥ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಪ್ಪ.—ತಕರಾರಿರಬೇಕೆಂಬುದು ತಮ್ಮ ಊಹೆಯೇ ಅಥವಾ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕ್ ಅರ್ಜಿನಿಂದ ವಿಚಾರ ತಿಳಿದುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೀರೋ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ.ವಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪ.—ಅನುಭವದಿಂದ ಊಹೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಹೇಳಿದೆ. ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಗೋಕಚ್ಚಿ ಕಟ್ಟಿನಲು ಯಾರೂ ಅನುಮತಿ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಪ್ಪ.—ಈಗ ತಾದರೂ ಅನುಮತಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟು ಕಟ್ಟಿಸಲು ಅವಕಾಶ ನೀಡುತ್ತೀರಾ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ.ವಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪ.—ಬಹುಶಃ ಕೊಡಬಹುದು; ಅನಿಸ್ಟೆಂಟ್ ಕಮಿಷನರಿಗೆ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪಿ. ರೇವಣ್ಣ ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ.—ಗೋಕಚ್ಚಿ ಕಟ್ಟಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಇಬಾಬೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅವಕಾಶವಿದೆಯೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ.ವಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪ.—ಕ್ಷಾಮ ಬಂದಾಗ ತಿಪಟೂರು ಮುಂತಾದ ಬಯಲು ಪ್ರದೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಎಂ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪ.—ಹಳ್ಳಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಗೋಕಚ್ಚಿ ಕಟ್ಟಿಸಲು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅನುಮತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬೇಕಾಗಿಲ್ಲವೆಂಬುದು ತಮ್ಮ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯವೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ.ವಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪ.—ಅಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಯಿಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದರೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಯಾರೂ ಪಡೆಯುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

Mr. S P E A K E R.—Questions 536 and 679 may be taken up together.

Admission of Children of 5 Years of Age in Primary Schools.

*Q.—536. Sri N. A. KARILINGANNAVAR (Gokak-I).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether there was any representation from the public that the

children of five years of age should be admitted in the Primary Vernacular Schools and the restriction of age limit of 5 years and 10 months for admission should be removed ;

(b) whether any decision to admit children of 5 years to the Primary Schools has been taken by the Government ;

(c) if so, what is the decision of the Government ;

(d) whether they have intimated the decision so taken to the District School Boards and the Municipal School Boards in the Bombay Karnatak area ?

A.—Smt. GRACE TUCKER (Deputy Minister for Education).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) That the children of 5 plus may be admitted to the 1st Standard on a voluntary basis subject to the availability of facilities for accommodation and teachers, after admitting the children of the compulsory age group.

(d) Yes.

Admission of Children in Primary Vernacular Schools.

*Q.—679. Sri C. S. HULKOTI (Mundargi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether there was any representation from the public that the children of five years of age should be admitted in the Primary Vernacular Schools and the restriction of age limit of five years and 10 months for admission should be removed ;

(b) whether any decision to admit children of 5 years to the Primary Schools has been taken by the Government ;

(c) if so, what is the decision of the Government ;

(d) whether they have intimated the decision taken by them to the District School Boards and the Municipal School Boards in the Bombay Karnatak area ?

A.—Smt. GRACE TUCKER (Deputy Minister for Education).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The children of 5 plus may be admitted to the 1st Standard on a voluntary basis subject to the availability of facilities for accommodation and teachers, after admitting the children of the compulsory age-group.

(d) Yes.

Sri C. S. HULKOTI.—May I know whether a child of 5 years and 10 months which has completed the first standard by private tuition is allowed to join the second standard in a primary school?

Smt. GRACE TUCKER.—Yes. At present such a child is permitted to join the second class.

Sri G. V. GOWDA.—May I know whether a child admitted to the first standard when it was 5 years old, will be given promotion to the second standard when it becomes 6 years old?

Smt. GRACE TUCKER.—If the child has studied the first year of the primary school when it was five years the child may be given promotion to the second class.

Sri G. V. GOWDA.—If the child was admitted at the 5th year in the first class, could promotion be given to that child to the second standard when it becomes 6 years old?

Smt. GRACE TUCKER.—If he has passed the first class.

Sri C. S. HULKOTI.—Is the permission of the educational authority necessary for giving such promotion to the second class?

Smt. GRACE TUCKER.—If he is entering school for the first time then permission of the education authority is necessary.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಕೆ. ಕಂಬಳಿ.—ಬೊಂಬಾಯಿ ಪ್ರದೇಶದ ಶಾಲಾ ವಂದಲಗಳಿಗೆ ವಯೋಮಿತಿಯ ವಿಷಯ ದಲ್ಲ ನಿಂಬಂಧ ಸಡಿಲಿರುವುದನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸಿದಮೇಲೆ ಶಾಲೆಗೆ ಬರುವ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿದೆಯೇ?

Smt. GRACE TUCKER.—There is not very appreciable increase in the Bombay area because compulsory primary education was there in existence long before and they had admitted children of five plus long before.

Sri SANJEEVANATHA AIKALA.—In view of the inconvenience caused to

children will Government be pleased to reduce this limit to 5 years?

Smt. GRACE TUCKER.—We have already reduced it to 5 years provided we have enough buildings and enough teachers.

Sri M. C. BASAPPA.—Is it a fact that the age limit is kept at 5 for want of buildings and teachers?

Smt. GRACE TUCKER.—The age limit has been fixed by the Constitution.

Sri M. C. BASAPPA.—The answer says that "the children of 5 plus may be admitted to the 1st standard on a voluntary basis subject to the availability of facilities for accommodation and teachers."

Smt. GRACE TUCKER.—The point remains that we have to first accommodate the children who have reached the age of 6 which is a constitutional requirement. It is only after that that we could think in terms of children that are at the age of 5 plus. We have relaxed the age in their favour and there are large numbers of them who have joined at the age of 5 plus.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಆರ್. ಪರಮೇಶ್ವರಯ್ಯ.—5 ವರ್ಷ 10 ತಿಂಗಳಾಗುವವರೆಗೆ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಶಾಲೆಗೆ ಸೇರಲು ಕಾಯುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಬದಲಾಗಿ ಅವರು ಫೀ ಪ್ರೈಮರಿ ಎಜ್ಯುಕೇಷನ್ ಪಡೆಯಲು ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ?

Smt. GRACE TUCKER.—Pre-primary education is on a voluntary basis. If there are voluntary schools coming forward, Government will be willing to give grant-in-aid.

Sri N. O. SAMAJI.—(in Marathi) (Translated by SRI B. D. JATTI).—Children of a I.A.S. and I.P.S. officers have got better opportunities and are well equipped and if age limit is put in regards to such children there is no difficulty for their children, but if the children of ordinary people go to school and if this upper age limit is there then it will be very difficult for them to pass other examinations because of this restriction of age-limit in the beginning.

Smt. GRACE TUCKER.—I feel there is a difficulty about the children who have to go in at the age of 5 plus. It seems to be the impression that there are certain people who have the privilege of going while others have not got it. That is not so. Anybody who wishes to go at the age of 5 plus may join School. As far as pre-primary

education is concerned, there are various municipalities and local bodies which are opening pre-primary schools and certainly any child is allowed to go to this school. So, there is not too much of this sort of discrimination.

1-30 P.M.

Sri C. S. HULKOTI.—Has it come to the notice of Government that the Educational Inspector is directing the applicant to take the necessary permission and approach the D.P.I.?

Smt. GRACE TUCKER.—We are not aware of it, but certainly the Educational Inspector or the District Educational Officer, according to his discretion, may admit the child.

Sri N. O. SAMAJI.—There are children even among the poorer classes who are very intelligent. So, why not remove the age-limit?

Smt. GRACE TUCKER.—That is rather an impossibility, because of lack of teachers. Since we have to implement the compulsory education scheme, we have had to recruit a large number of teachers and still we are not able to provide teachers for the compulsory Primary education scheme. As far as Sri Hulkoti's question is concerned, if the particular case is brought to our notice, we will certainly look into it and we will help him.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ವಿ. ರೇವಣ್ಣನಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ.—ಐದು ವರ್ಷ ವಯಸ್ಸಿಗಿಂತ ಮುಂಚೆ ಸ್ಕೂಲಿಗೆ ಸೇರಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಮೇಲೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಕಡ್ಡಾಯ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣವನ್ನು ಜಾರಿಗೆ ತಂದಹಾಗಾಯಿತೆ?

Smt. GRACE TUCKER.—At the age of 6 plus.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ವಿ. ರೇವಣ್ಣನಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ.—ನಾಲ್ಕು ವರ್ಷ ವಯಸ್ಸಿನ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ವಿದ್ಯಾಭ್ಯಾಸ ಮಾಡಲು ಅನುಕೂಲವಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರೆ, ಇದಕ್ಕೇನು ಕಾರಣ?

Smt. GRACE TUCKER.—Well, the number of school buildings and number of teachers that would be necessary for the age 6 plus alone is too much. In the first instance, the Constitution asks us to give compulsory education to the age group 6 to 11. So, we have started at the age of 6 plus. This alone demands a large number of teachers and so we are not able to give more teachers for those below the age of 6.

Sri G. V. GOWDA.—The Deputy Minister said that the problem was that of getting accommodation and teachers. Is it not a fact that more than 90 per cent of the schools we have opened under the Compulsory Primary Education Scheme have no buildings?

Smt. GRACE TUCKER.—They may not have pucca buildings, but they do have school buildings and children are studying.

Sri G. V. GOWDA.—Have you issued instructions to the Educational Inspectors and the D.E.Os. to admit the children of 5 plus?

Smt. GRACE TUCKER.—Provided there is accommodation and teachers.

Sri B. NANJAPPA.—The reply to clause (a) is 'Yes.' What is meant by that?

Smt. GRACE TUCKER.—It means here has been a representation from the public to that effect.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Supplementary to (c): How many children in the State were deprived of admission at the age of 5 for want of accommodation and teaching staff?

Smt. GRACE TUCKER.—We are not able to assess it at present because we have just passed the G.O. allowing children of 5 plus to be admitted. We will get the figures later.

Sri M. C. BASAPPA.—The departmental officers have misunderstood it and they are refusing admission unless and until the boy reaches the age of 6. So, will Government issue suitable instructions to all officers concerned to admit the children of the age 5 plus wherever there is accommodation?

Smt. GRACE TUCKER.—The departmental officers have been informed that wherever there is accommodation and teachers and the teacher-pupil ratio is not too big, they should admit children of five plus.

Sri M. C. BASAPPA.—Will the Government give an assurance in this behalf?

Smt. GRACE TUCKER.—We have sent the copies of G.O. right up to the D.E.O. and we shall try to send further instructions saying that such complaints have been made in the House and that they should try to conform to the G.O. already issued.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ.ಪಿ. ರೇವಣ್ಣನಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ.—ಅರು ವರ್ಷವೆಂದು ನಿಗದಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿ ಬೋರ್ಡ್ ಚರ್ಚೆಯಿಂದ ರಜು ಮಾಡಿಸಿ ಕಡಮೆ ವಯಸ್ಸನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟು ಸೇರಿಸಿ ಚಿಕ್ಕ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಜಾತಕಗಳನ್ನೇ ಬದಲಾಯಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ನುಳ್ಳು ಜಾತಕಗಳು ಉದ್ಭವವಾಗುತ್ತಿವೆಯೆಂಬುದು ಗೊತ್ತಿದೆಯೇ ?

Smt. GRACE TUCKER.—We are not aware of it.

Sri K. LAKKAPPA.—May I know whether the decision taken by the Government is rigid or flexible with respect to the age limit ?

Smt. GRACE TUCKER.—As far as 6 plus is concerned, it is rigid ; but with respect to age 5 plus, as I have already said, it is on a voluntary basis. i.e. if the parents wish to get admitted their children they may do so at the age of 5 plus and if the school into which they wish to have them admitted has no accommodation or has too many pupils for one teacher, then it is a little bit flexible.

Sri J. P. SARWESH.—Is it not a fact that this age limit is affecting the intelligent students of the poor who are under five years of age because the rich do not send their children to the Government primary schools ?

Smt. GRACE TUCKER.—As far as the age limit is concerned, we do think that educationally the age of five plus is a good age to send the child to the school ; but if we send children who are very much below this age, whether they be children of the rich or poor people, there is evidence to show that their minds get warped as they get older.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಸ್. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಕೆಲವು ಖಾಸಗಿ ನಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳು ಪ್ರೈಮರಿ ಸ್ಕೂಲುಗಳನ್ನು ನಡೆಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದು, ಅವರಲ್ಲಿ ಶಿಕ್ಷಕರು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಗೆ ಇದ್ದರೆ, ಅವರು 5 ವರ್ಷಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಕಡಮೆ ವಯಸ್ಸಿನ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸೇರಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶವಿದೆಯೇ ?

Smt. GRACE TUCKER.—Educationally, we feel, below five is not an age where a child should go to school in order to study.

Sri C. S. HULKOTI.—May I know whether the municipal school boards would be authorised to permit a child that has qualified itself by private study to join a second class in municipal schools ?

Smt. GRACE TUCKER.—We have already sent instructions to various educational authorities of the State

that they may admit children not only in second class, but also in the third and fourth as far as private admissions are concerned.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—You were pleased to tell us that for want of accommodation and teaching staff, it was not possible for Government to admit children below five years. May I know what is the number of teachers that is required and the accommodation to facilitate these children to be admitted in the State ?

Smt. GRACE TUCKER.—I have not got figures for this year. But it is anticipated that if we accommodate all the children of five plus, we would need about 5,500 teachers more.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—The Hon'ble Minister was pleased to say that free and compulsory education applied only to age group of 6 and 11. May I know what is the policy of the Government to give free and compulsory education to children at pre-primary stage ?

Smt. GRACE TUCKER.—We do not give free education at the pre-primary stage nor do we make it compulsory between the ages of 3 and 6 at the pre-primary stage ; any voluntary institutions may open schools and parents may permit their children to go to those schools.

Sri ANNARAO GANAMUKHI.—In foreign countries where compulsory education is in vogue since many years, the age has been declared as six plus and not five plus because they are too tender at that age.

Smt. GRACE TUCKER.—In some cases it is 6 plus ; in some countries it is even seven ; but in some countries it is only five.

Construction of a Parapet wall on the Bund at the Cutting Point of Nugu Channel.

*Q.—554. Sri N. RACHAIAH (Nanjangud).

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it is a fact that a major accident occurred last year at the cutting point of the Nugu Channel ;